

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 743
By Finney

A RESOLUTION to recognize to recognize Samantha Houser on receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Girl Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Houser, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has earned the highest award a Girl Scout can attain, the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award honors girls who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to their communities and an outstanding dedication to achievement; and

WHEREAS, to receive the award, Girls Scouts must complete five requirements, all of which demand efficient organizational, time management, and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, further, a Senior Girl Scout must build on her experiences in Girl Scouting to complete a Gold Award project, which provides an opportunity for her to put her leadership skills, career, interests, and personal values together to serve her community; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding Girl Scout for over thirteen years, Samantha Houser received the Girl Scout Silver Award in 2002, earned the Girl Scout Challenge Pin, participated in Girl Scout Career Exploration, and served as co-leader of a Brownie troop for two years; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Houser's project provided blankets and pillows that she designed and sewed to the Ronald McDonald House for their visitors, who were then able to take her handiwork home as a reminder of Girl Scout hospitality; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Gloria Houser, Samantha is a senior at Seymour High School, where she has earned a remarkable 4.0 grade point average for six semesters and received the highest average in Pre-Calculus and Latin I; and

WHEREAS, an active participant in school activities, Ms. Houser is a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Y-Teens, Destination Imagination, 4-H, DECA, and the Junior Classical League; and

WHEREAS, involved in her community, Samantha Houser has served as a volunteer with numerous charitable projects, including Habitat for Humanity, Coats for the Cold, Fantasy of Trees, and Backpacks for the Homeless; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to recognize Samantha Houser as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Samantha Houser for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate her on her achievement of the Girl Scout Gold Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.